'ASSASSINATION-CONNECTED' DEATHS NOW 15

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 23 (AP) — At least 15 persons whose names could be linked in some way with the assassination of John F. Kennedy or events which followed have died since the President was shot on Nov. 22, 1963.

Their names, and the reported causes of their deaths:

DALLAS POLICE PATROLMAN J. D. TIPPIT, shot by Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the assassin of Kennedy.

OSWALD, shot by night club owner Jack Ruby.

JIM KOETHE, Dallas Times-Herald reporter and Ruby acquaintance, whose body was found wrapped in a blanket in his apartment on Sept. 21, 1964. Police said he had been killed by a karate chop to the neck.

BILL HUNTER, a Long Beach, Calif., police reporter said by unofficial investigators to have known Ruby, shot accidentally by a detective in the Long Beach police station on April 23, 1964.

NANCY JANE MOONEY, former stripper in Ruby's club, committed suicide by hanging with her own toreador pants while in a Dallas jail cell awaiting trial on a charge of disturbing the peace.

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TOM HOWARD, a lawyer friend of Ruby, who was taken to a Dallas hospital on March 27, 1965, and died of a heart attack.

EARLENE ROBERTS, Oswald's Dallas landlady, who died in a hospital Jan. 9, 1966, of a heart attack.

HANK VILLAM, a housepainter, found tangled in a broken plate glass window and bleeding to death on March 17, 1964, in Pensacola, Fla. His wife, Wanda, worked for Ruby for 15 years. The coroner originally called the death accidental. Police said it looked like suicide. Killam's body will be exhumed for further examination, it was announced yesterday.

WILLIAM WHALEY, a cab driver who had Oswald as a passenger on the day of the assassination, fatally injured in an automobile crash.

EDWARD BENAVIDES, shot to death in a Dallas bar. His brother, Domingo, whom he closely resembled, witnessed the killing of patrolman Tippit.

LEE BOWERS, a Dallas construction man who told the Warren Commission the assassination shots might have come from street level instead of a window of the building Oswald worked, fatally injured on Aug. 9, 1966, in a car accident.

JAMES WORRELL, a Warren Commission witness who was in the crowd at the assassination scene, shot to death in Dallas.

DELILAH WALLE, former stripper in Ruby's club, shot to death in Omaha, Neb., on Aug. 23, 1966.

RUBY, died of cancer on Jan. 3, 1967, while awaiting retrial for the killing of Oswald.

DAVID W. FERRIE, a pilot questioned by the authorities about a trip to Dallas on the day of the assassination, died in New Orleans yesterday of an apparent rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said he thought it was "apparently" suicide, but he would not rule out murder.